IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An imaging apparatus comprising:

a shooting mode selection ~~means for selecting~~ device configured to select desired shooting mode information from pieces of set shooting mode information, each of the pieces of shooting mode information including information concerning a specific color determined depending on a predetermined shooting condition;

a specific color extraction ~~means for extracting~~ device configured to extract video signals of a specific color from video signals on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selection ~~means~~ device;

a color difference detection ~~means for detecting~~ device configured to detect color difference data of the specific color from the specific-color video signals extracted by the specific color extraction ~~means~~ device;

a correction reference data storage ~~means for storing~~ device configured to store pieces of correction reference data, serving as references for correcting the specific color to a predetermined color;

a color correction value calculation ~~means for selecting~~ device configured to select correction reference data corresponding to the specific color from the correction reference data storage ~~means~~ device on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selection ~~means~~ device to calculate color correction values on the basis of the selected correction reference data and the color difference data of the specific color detected by the color difference detection ~~means~~ device, the color correction values being used to correct the specific color to the predetermined color; [[and]]

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a color correction ~~means for correcting~~ device configured to correct the specific color

in the video signals to the predetermined color on the basis of the color correction values

calculated by the color correction value calculation ~~means~~ device;

a specific color signal processing device configured to obtain a specific color

luminance signal; and

a luminance correction device configured to correct the luminance level of the video

signals depending on the specific color luminance signal.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the specific color extraction ~~means~~ device has a function of changing an extraction

range of the ~~specific color~~ specific color video signals depending on the luminance level of

the video signals.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the correction reference data storage ~~means~~ device has a function capable of

changing the stored correction reference data.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the shooting mode selection ~~means~~ device has a function of automatically selecting

the shooting mode information depending on a shooting environment.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An imaging apparatus comprising:

a shooting mode selection ~~means for selecting~~ device configured to select desired

shooting mode information from pieces of set shooting mode information, each of the pieces

of shooting mode information including information concerning a specific color determined

depending on a predetermined shooting condition;

a specific color extraction ~~means for extracting~~ <u>device configured to extract</u> video

signals of a specific color from video signals on the basis of the shooting mode information

selected by the shooting mode selection ~~means~~ <u>device</u>;

a color difference detection ~~means for detecting~~ <u>device configured to detect</u> color

difference data of the specific color from the specific-color video signals extracted by the

specific color extraction ~~means~~ <u>device</u>;

a correction reference data storage ~~means for storing~~ <u>device configured to store</u> pieces

of correction reference data, serving as references for correcting the specific color to a

predetermined color;

a color correction value calculation ~~means for selecting~~ <u>device configured to select</u>

correction reference data corresponding to the specific color from the correction reference

data storage ~~means~~ <u>device</u> on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the

shooting mode selection ~~means~~ <u>device</u> to calculate color correction values on the basis of the

selected correction reference data and the color difference data of the specific color detected

by the color difference detection ~~means~~ <u>device</u>, the color correction values being used to

correct the specific color to the predetermined color;

a color correction ~~means for correcting~~ <u>device configured to correct</u> the specific color

of the video signals to the predetermined color on the basis of the color correction values

calculated by the color correction value calculation ~~means~~ <u>device</u>; and

a luminance correction ~~means for correcting~~ <u>device configured to correct</u> the

luminance level of the video signals depending on the luminance level of the ~~specific color~~

<u>specific color</u> video signals extracted by the specific color extraction ~~means~~ <u>device and on the</u>

<u>basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selection device</u>.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the luminance correction ~~means~~ <u>device</u> has a function of calculating the ratio of the ~~specific-color~~ <u>specific color</u> video signals to the video signals to correct the luminance level of the specific-color video signals in accordance with the calculated ratio.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the specific color extraction ~~means~~ <u>device</u> has a function of changing an extraction range of the ~~specific-color~~ <u>specific color</u> video signals depending on the luminance level of the video signals.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the correction reference data storage ~~means~~ <u>device</u> has a function capable of changing the stored correction reference data.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the shooting mode selection ~~means~~ <u>device</u> has a function of automatically selecting the shooting mode information depending on a shooting environment.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An imaging method comprising:
~~a shooting mode selection step of~~ selecting desired shooting mode information from pieces of set shooting mode information, each of the pieces of shooting mode information including information concerning a specific color determined depending on a predetermined shooting condition;

a specific color extraction step of extracting video signals of a specific color from video signals on the basis of the shooting mode information selected in the shooting mode selection step selecting;

a color difference detection step of detecting color difference data of the specific color from the specific-color video signals extracted in the specific color extraction step extracting;

a color correction value calculation step of selecting correction reference data corresponding to the specific color from a correction reference data storage means device for storing pieces of correction reference data, serving as references for correcting the specific color to a predetermined color, on the basis of the shooting mode information selected in the shooting mode selection step selecting desired shooting mode information to calculate color correction values on the basis of the selected correction reference data and the color difference data of the specific color detected in the color difference detection step detecting, the color correction values being used to correct the specific color to the predetermined color; [[and]]

a color correction step of correcting the specific color of the video signals to the predetermined color on the basis of the color correction values calculated in the color correction value calculation step selecting correction reference data; and

correcting the luminance level of the video signals depending on the luminance extracted by the extracting and on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the selecting.